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Application No. 10/531,627

Reply to Office Action

*REMARKS*

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

*Status of the Application*

Claims 1-15, 17 and 19-60 are currently pending, with several of the claims being amended to address grammatical issues. No new matter has been introduced into this application by way of these amendments.

*Summary of the Office Action*

Claims 1-3, 9, 29, 30, 35, 36-38, 48, 49, 59 and 60 are rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1, 3-7 and 11-24 of copending U.S. application no. 10/834,555.

*Discussion*

Applicants submit herewith a terminal disclaimer, and respectfully request withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

*Conclusion*

As Applicants believe the application is in proper condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass the application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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